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In the circle of district meetings, but two failed of report in this column. The Sixth and Seventh, neither of which I could attend.

The Ozage County federation, where Mrs. Johnston was my proxy was very satisfactorily reported by her. I have most delightful memories of my experience at all three of these meetings last year.

The Ozage County federation stands in a class of its own in Kansas, being our only federated county organization. The club women of Kansas know pretty well what I think of it, for I have sung its praises in season and out since I have known it. A band of women within the boundaries of a county who are not only working for that county, but for the world outside. And who are incidentally promoting fellowship and good will along all the highways and at every crossroad. I have heard much good word planned at our district meetings, much of which was carried out. At Ozage City last year there was little talk about doing good, but I saw a box of books packed for the industrial school, and in a quiet way I had of kindly things done for

the poor of the county, while, when the treasurer reported a surplus in the treasury, the major part of it was disposed of by voting it out for philanthropic work.

This is part of the reason why I admire the Ozage County federation, and would like to carry it around to exhibit over the state, and also is the reason for much of my disappointment that I could not go to Quenemo this year.

I asked Mrs. Mattie Britt Hill, of La Crosse, the new president of the Seventh District federation, to give me a retrospective glimpse of the McPherson meeting—the report of the organization of the Eighth district federation being all that reached me—beyond ecstatic recollections of those who attended. She, however, feels that the date of the meeting is so long past that it will be as well to leave the report unpublished.

There is to be a meeting of the executive board of the Seventh district at Hutchinson on Nov. 20, when the work of the year will be planned.

And right now is a good time to state that there is evidence of a boom in club affairs in the Seventh this year. Mrs. Hiale writes "I want to inaugurate a campaign of organization throughout the district at once."

And organization is what we want, everywhere. For without growth we stand still, and soon will follow the backward tendency.

Our philanthropic schemes must have a vigorous organization behind them to grow. So that is why I welcome Mrs. Hiale's attitude and hereby an era of prosperity for her.

Mrs. C. W. Smith of Stockton, the new president of the Sixth district, is already she has planned a series of meetings for December and January. I wish I had time here to tell the half that I know of Mrs. Smith's achievements in the past—only it would probably cost me her friendship. She is the busiest woman I know, but she will find time to do good work for us in the Sixth and not neglect anything either.

At my request Mrs. Smith has sent me a brief report of the Sixth district meeting, which, since it happened in November, may still be called news. And if not, it will be of interest to many people.

The fifth annual session of the Sixth District Federation of clubs was held in Phillipsburg, in the Presbyterian church, on November 1 and 2. The programme, as published some weeks ago in the Journal, was in the main carried out. "Kansas schools as they are and a few of their needs" was interestingly and ably handled by Mrs. Wahl of Ellsworth. "Juvenile courts" was intelligently and well presented by Mrs. C. E. Lowe of Almena, and was discussed at some length. Mrs. Judge Atkinson, the state secretary,

gave many practical points on the subject with which she seemed to be thoroughly acquainted. Other papers, "The Evolution of the Club Woman," by Mrs. O. E. Snow of Norton, "The Traveling Art Gallery: How to Make It Succeed," by Mrs. Mae McKinzie, of Hodge; "Club Women, Their Achievements and Opportunities," by Mrs. Hahnkratt, of Stockton; "A Woman's Mission in the Home," by Mrs. Judge Geiger, of Oberlin, were all well written, interesting and helpful. The subject of the traveling art gallery was thoroughly discussed and we hope much interest was aroused in that useful and educational work of the woman's clubs of Kansas.

A very entertaining programme was given the first evening. Fine music was furnished by the Phillipsburg orchestra, and a very unique address of welcome was made by C. A. Lewis, one of the leading attorneys of northwest Kansas on behalf of the Commercial club and citizens of Phillipsburg, which was heartily responded to by Mrs. D. W. Reihan of Smith Center. Mrs. Judge Atkinson read an excellent paper on some of the club work in the Angelo, Raphael and Titian. After the evening's programme was rendered a most enjoyable reception was tendered the visiting women by the Phillipsburg club.

Excellent music, vocal and instrumental, was furnished by the persons whose names were on the programme prepared throughout the session.

The amendment with reference to the district federations which has gone the rounds of the district meetings, was at least, took the place of the state president, at the suggestion of Mrs. McDowell, that the traveling art gallery be named the "Kate Appleton Traveling Art Gallery," which is but a feeble expression of the gratitude we all owe the little woman who has given so much time, thought and money to this work.

One of the features which, in part at least, took the place of the state president, who could not be present with us, was the presence of Mrs. Atkinson and Mrs. McDowell, who filed in so well where they were most needed. Mrs. McDowell, in her talk about the Biennial, I am sure aroused an interest in the general federation of clubs, which as women we are justly proud.

The following list of officers for the ensuing year was elected: President, Mrs. C. W. Smith, of Stockton; vice president, Mrs. Kittie Brethorn, Norton; secretary, Mrs. C. E. Lowe, Almena; treasurer, Mrs. Ella Peters, Mankato; auditor, Mrs. J. H. Hill, of Smith Center.

The place of the next meeting will be Mankato.

MAY BELLEVILLE BROWN.

GENERAL CLUB NOTES.

The National Consumers' league has sent out an appeal to New York City women to do their Christmas shopping early in order to lessen the crowding of the shops during the holiday season, and the consequence of this to all employees. Many weeks before the holidays the factories work overtime to turn out articles for the Christmas trade. Factory inspectors and others in touch with factory conditions have long been alive to the fact that in these months there is open violation of the New York laws and women and young girls are kept working thirteen and fourteen hours a day.

Almira S. Cordry (Mrs. Tom Cordry), editor of the Parsons Sun, of which her husband is editor. Mrs. Cordry has written the club reporter of the State Journal that she thinks an injustice was done her, the Sun, and Mrs. W. D. Atkinson, the Parsons candidate for president of the State federation, by a paragraph printed in this department last week about club politics. Mrs. Cordry says: "Judging by the piece by the woman in club politics" in Saturday's Journal, I believe it will save trouble if I tell you that I am club editor of the Parsons Daily Sun, not my husband, so don't let the ladies worry about what will be said in future. Of course we endorse Mrs. W. Atkinson for president, but as she is not a candidate for president, we don't let the ladies worry about what think an injustice was done Mrs. Atkinson in the article referred to, for she was not endorsed by the Third District federation at Chanute until after Mrs. Haldeman of Girard had refused to run, except on conditions."

The club editor of the Parsons Sun seems to have misunderstood the paragraph to which she takes exception, which referred to "the Parsons Sun, Tom Cordry editor," and said nothing about the club editor. But of course that is neither here nor there and the State Journal is glad to be enlightened as to the identity of the club editor of the Sun who sets up one of the brightest, newest and most readable club departments in a Kansas newspaper. Mrs. Cordry also misinterpreted the spirit of the article under discussion. If she thought it was a criticism of Mrs. Atkinson, it was merely an anonymous interview with a prominent Kansas club woman on some of the aspects of the present political situation in Kansas clubdom. The paragraph is here reprinted in order that the club editor of the Parsons Sun or any other who took exception to it, may have an opportunity to re-read it and ponder it. The writer is sure that it was generally agreed that it was entirely unoffensive and harmless and does nobody any injustice whatever. Here's the "piece" that made the trouble: "It's a funny situation," said the woman who is interested in club politics. "The southwestern machine under the leadership of a former president of the State federation would not nor Mrs. D. S. Stephens of Kansas City, Kansas, president of the Second District federation, for president of the State federation. The northeastern machine, said to be led by Topeka and Leavenworth club women, was booming Mrs. Alice Haldeman of Girard for office, but Mrs. Girard's district federation, the Third, endorsed another Third district woman, Mrs. W. D. Atkinson of Parsons, now recording secretary of the federation, so of course Mrs. Haldeman won't be a candidate. This will almost oblige the northeastern machine to get behind Mrs. Atkinson, although her candidacy is credited to the Parsons Sun. Tom Cordry, editor, which fought this machine in the last campaign for state president."

The club women of New York had some stormy sessions at the annual meeting of the New York state federation at Saratoga last week. Two tickets for the officers of the federation were in the field and the election brought to the surface a good deal of bitterness. The leaders of the defeated ticket in the first moment declared their intention to form a new federation, combined of the western New York and New York City federations. The president of the Western federation, Mrs. Frank J. Shuler of Buffalo, issued a statement to the effect that the Western federation had a membership of nearly twenty thousand women willing to co-operate in any legislative or practical work put forth by the women of the state of New York, but that the federation would not formally affiliate with any other, having declined the invitation of the general federation given some time since.

It seems very unlikely that a new organization can be formed from existing federations based on dissatisfaction with the elected officers or their outlook. The supporters of the outgoing regime of Mrs. Philip Carpenter, the retiring president of the State federation, speaking of their aims and policy, said: "The Federation of State clubs endeavors to be a center of inspiration and helpfulness to all the clubs. It believes in a gradual and genuine growth. It is too loosely organized to undertake, with hope of real success, definite projects for altruistic work on the scale and with the equipment and standards represented by those professional bodies competent to deal with such undertakings. In order not to fritter away the efforts of the trade, factory inspectors and others in touch with factory conditions have long been alive to the fact that in these months there is open violation of the New York laws and women and young girls are kept working thirteen and fourteen hours a day."

The action of the Third district club women in bringing out a candidate for president of the K. F. W. C. and endorsing her was business like and commendable. None of the other districts have endorsed candidates for that or any other office and the district meetings are all over. But of course there will be another or other candidates for president and the other districts will want representation on the executive board. However, if they have brought candidates and launched booms at their district meetings they can't blame the federation if their eleventh hour claims to representation are ignored. The State Journal club department will be glad to give publicity to the action of any clubs in the state which have endorsed or wish to endorse a candidate for any state office to be elected in Kansas City next May.

Ottawa Herald: Although Ottawa society has for some time been interested in the advancement of a broader culture by its literary and reading clubs and Chautauqua circles, yet another important essential to that end is lacking—that of a musical club. Yielding to requests from others than his studio associates and pupils to organize a Ladies' Musical Club, James



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B. Stevens has finally consented to do the state federation. The First district certainly ought to be represented on the executive board of the state federation for the next two years and discussion of available candidates for a minor office of the federation are entirely proper and timely just now. If Topeka wants representation on the board, now is the time to think about it and a candidate should be endorsed at the December meeting. Of course there will be another meeting in February, before the state meeting in May, but the December meeting is the proper time to launch booms for office now that the constitutional amendment has made it the annual business meeting.

A preliminary meeting has already been held, and it was decided to issue a general call for a meeting looking to permanent organization to be held at library hall on Wednesday evening, 21st inst., at 7:30 o'clock.

THE TOPEKA CLUB WOMEN.

At the meeting of the executive board of the city federation with Mrs. Clement Smith, president, Thursday, plans were made for the December meeting. Mrs. E. W. Poindester, chairman of the hall committee, has no objection to the club women's meeting will be held, but it will be called to order sharply at 2:30 o'clock Thursday, December 6. The programme will include the presidents and other officers' addresses, reports from committees and the election. There will probably be two musical numbers. On motion of Mrs. H. O. Harvey it was voted to recommend to the federation that an article be added to the by-laws of the federation providing that the names of clubs and individual members be presented to the executive board for approval before being brought before the federation.

The Good Government club has endorsed Mrs. Margaret Hill McCarter for president of the city federation and this action has given a definite and decided impetus to her boom, which has been more or less in the clubs for the past three weeks. Mrs. McCarter will be a strong candidate and if elected will make an incomparable president. Among the changes which she is said to want in the federation and for which she would probably work as president, is a re-organization of the club work into departments of art, literature, music, civic science, philanthropy, club house, club extension, etc., similar to the departments of the state and general federations. The federation now has standing committees in charge of most of these things. In some cases the new departments would correspond with the present committees but in others a number of committees would probably be merged into one department. Mrs. McCarter would like to see the departmental work increased, improved and strengthened in every way. She would try to make the club women feel that a place on any of the departments was as high an honor as one of the offices and she would hope that the reorganization would bring out new and capable workers for the federation's interests. The departments would probably be given charge of the programme making and would vie with one another in making their meetings interesting and popular and getting strong and novel features for them.

Mrs. McCarter has not yet announced her candidacy, but the clubs have proceeded to draft her and it looks as if she would be elected in spite of her screams.

Other women named for offices of the federation by the Good Government club are Mrs. J. W. Watson, first vice-president; Mrs. W. A. Slog, second vice-president; Miss Barnshap, secretary; and Mrs. J. P. Barnshap, treasurer. Mrs. Barnshap is serving her first year as secretary and her re-election would probably meet with the unanimous approval of the federation. Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Slog have never before held office in the executive board but their ability is well-known in their respective clubs and they are among the

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The Story of the White Heart

Kansas club women heard with regret this week of the sorrow that has come to Mrs. D. W. Wilder of Hiawatha through the death of her mother, Mrs. Irwin, which occurred Thursday. Mrs. Irwin was advanced in years but a bright woman of well-preserved faculties to the last. She had made her home with Mrs. Wilder for a number of years.

It is probable that at the December meeting of the Topeka City federation a motion will be made to endorse a Topeka woman for a place on the executive board of the state federation and her friends are talking about Mrs. A. H. Horton for president or secretary. Mrs. Horton is formerly president of the city federation and her experience in that and other offices would make her a valuable member of the board. She is a prominent member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and of the Kansas Equal Suffrage association, and through her work in both organizations has a wide acquaintance over the state, and would

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